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**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation Element – Potential Recommendations to Amend Policies in the Public Review Draft

On February 25, 2015, Planning and Community Development staff hosted an open house for the public to comment on recommendations for the update to the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan – Forming our Future. The open house was followed by a joint meeting of all of the boards and commissions that were involved in the development of policy recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the public review draft of the plan on March 4, 2015. Staff will provide information to the Commission regarding any comments on the Transportation Element during the March 12 agenda.

At the Transportation Commission meeting on March 12, the Commission will have a final opportunity to discuss and recommend potential policy amendments to the Transportation Element in the public review draft version.

Staff reviewed the requirements for local comprehensive plans in the Growth Management Act, the Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2040 and TRANSPORTATION 2040, and the Countywide Planning Policies to ensure that each of the requirements is covered in recommended Transportation Element policy. Based on that review, staff recommends the Commission consider following policy amendments:

1. TR-103, Transportation Finance. Add to the end of the first sentence:

Maintain financing capability to meet the city's adopted mobility targets through a mix of funding sources, as identified in the TFP and the CIP. Seek broadly-based financing through proportional participation from the beneficiaries of the system, including:

1. The citywide community;
  2. Existing businesses and property owners; and
  3. New development.
2. Add new policy to the Mobility Management section that addresses transportation system resiliency in the face of disaster as follows:

Design, maintain and protect the transportation system to be resilient to disaster.

3. TR-4. Mobility Management. Add policy language to address equity in transportation system investments:

Ensure that the transportation system infrastructure in Bellevue provides mobility options for all modes, and to accommodate the mobility needs of everyone, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, the young, and low-income households.

These or other policy amendments recommended by the Transportation Commission would be incorporated into the transmittal draft of the plan that the Planning Commission will provide to the City Council. March 25 is the target date for the Planning Commission to finalize the transmittal draft.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.